STATE LABOR SUMMARY

OCTOBER, 1979

NORTH CAROLINA

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Employment Developments: Total employment in the state registered a noticeable drop of 20,900 (-0.8 percent) from September to October of this year, bringing the total to 2,574,800 in October. Two of the three principal employment segments exhibited decreases over the month. Seasonal losses continued to be evident in agricultural employment, which sustained a monthly decline of 20,700 workers (-19.0 percent). The "all other" nonagricutlural employment group suffered a minor decrease of 400 (-0.2 percent) from September to October. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment (excluding dual jobholders) displayed a negligible gain of 200 persons over the month.

During the past thirty days, manufacturing employment (including dual jobholders) experienced a modest gain of 4,100 people (+0.5 percent). The durable goods segment was responsible for 1,200 of that increase with furniture and fixtures registering the largest monthly jump of 1,100 (+1.3 percent). The nondurable goods segment exhibited over-the-month growth of 2,900 workers with textile mill products accounting for 1,500 of that amount. The remaining nondurable goods industries displayed modest mixed trends.

Nonmanufacturing employment showed a slight increase of 4,600 persons (+0.3 percent) from September to October of this year. The main reason for that gain was a rise in government employment of 6,100 (+1.5 percent) due to growth in both state and local education as well as in "other" state government. Those employment increases were partially offset by a loss of 1,500 workers (-1.3 percent) in transportation, communications, and public utilities because of a telephone company strike.

During the past twelve months, North Carolina's nonagricultural wage and salary employment by place of work has increased by 64,500 (+2.8 percent). The bulk of that growth was in nonmanufacturing, which rose by 63,100 (+4.2 percent). The following nonmanufacturing industries enjoyed significant over-the-year gains: construction, +10,000; trade, +19,000; and service and miscellaneous, +17,600.

Manpower Resources: In October, 1979, North Carolina's total unemployment was estimated to be 121,600 persons, an encouraging decline of 4,300 (-3.4 percent) over the month. Consequently, the state's unadjusted unemployment rate experienced a modest drop of 0.1 of a percentage point, from 4.6 percent in September to 4.5 percent in October. Twelve months ago (in October, 1978) just 84,000 people were jobless and the rate was 3.1 percent. The National unadjusted rates of unemployment were 5.6 percent in October and September, 1979, and 5.4 percent in October, 1978. The National seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment were 6.0 percent this October, 5.8 percent in September, and 5.8 percent twelve months ago. Seasonally adjusted unemployment data are not developed for the State.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

OCTOBER, 1979

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
				SEPTEMBER, 1979		OCTOBER, 1978	
	OCTOBER 2/ 1979	SEPTEMBER 3/ 1979	OCTOBER 1978	NET	%	NET	%
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	2,696,400	2,721,600	2,678,200	-25,200	-0.9	+18,200	+0.7
EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL	2,574,800	2,595,700	2,594,200	-20,900	-0.8	-19,400	-0.7
AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	88,300	109,000	94,900	-20,700	-19.0	- 6,600	-7.0
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOY. 4/	2,222,200	2,222,000	2,243,100	+ 200	*	-20,900	-0.9
ALL OTHER NONAG. EMPLOY. 5/	264,300	264,700	256,200	- 400	-0.2	+ 8,100	+3.2
UNEMPLOYMENT, TOTAL	121,600	125,900	84,000	- 4,300	-3.4	+37,600	+44.8
STATE UNADJUSTED RATE	4.5	4.6	3.1	- 0.1	XXX	+ 1.4	XXX
NATIONAL RATE (UNADJUSTED)	5.6	5.6	5.4	0	XXX	+ 0.2	XXX
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)	6.0	5.8	5.8	+ 0.2	XXX	+ 0.2	XXX

1/ ALL DATA REVISED TO REFLECT 1978 BENCHMARK REVISIONS.
2/ PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES.
3/ REVISED ESTIMATES.
4/ ADJUSTED TO EXCLUDE DUAL JOBHOLDERS AND THE EFFECTS OF WORKER COMMUTING.
5/ INCLUDES SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS, UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS, AND DOMESTIC WORKERS IN PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS.
* LESS THAN 0.05 PERCENT.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed: During the mid-week of October, 1979, there were 31,214 persons filing claims for unemployment insurance benefits in the state. During the past thirty days, the total has decreased by 1,243 (-3.8 percent). The largest claimant group by age was the twenty-five to thirty-four year old group which has 10,516 or 33.7 percent of the total. The thirty-five to forty-four year olds were the second largest group with 6,510 or 20.9 percent. The smallest number of claimants were once again age sixty-five and over with only 188 or 0.6 percent. The majority of the claimants were female (17,193 or 55.1 percent); also, most of the claimants were white (20,197 of 64.7 percent). Claimants who had been unemployed for one to two weeks had the largest number with 9,244 or 29.5 percent. The fifteen weeks and over category was next with 7,699 or 24.7 percent of the total. Clerical and sales was the occupation in October with the largest claimant representation with 6,343 or 20.3 percent. Bench work occupations were second with 5,008 or 16.0 percent. The largest number of claimants (14,251 or 45.7 percent) had last held manufacturing jobs. The following table provides additional information about the insured unemployed in the state during October, 1979.

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SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

Mid-October, 1979

	Number	Percent
Total	31,214	100.0
Age		
Under 25	5,717	18.3
25-34	10,516	33.7
35-44	6,510	20.9
45-54	5,028	16.1
55-64	3,255	10.4
65 and over	188	0.6
Sex		
Male	14,021	44.9
Female	17,193	55.1
Ethnic Group		
White	20,197	64.7
Nonwhite	11,017	35.3
Unemployment Duration		
1-2 Weeks	9,244	29.5
3-4 Weeks	3,150	10.1
5-9 Weeks	6,197	19.9
10-14 Weeks	4,924	15.8
15 and over	7,699	24.7
Occupation		
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	3,693	11.8
Clerical and Sales	6,343	20.3
Service	2,294	7.4
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	376	1.2
Processing	1,419	4.5
Machine Trades	4,152	13.3
Bench Work	5,008	16.0
Structural Work	4,090	13.1
Miscellaneous	3,839	12.4
Industry Attachment		
Mining	42	0.1
Construction	4,048	13.0
Manufacturing	14,251	45.7
Public Utilities	1,064	3.4
Trade	4,382	14.0
Finance	500	1.6
Service	3,359	10.8
All Other	3,568	11.4

Hours and Earnings: As of October, 1979, the average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers stood at $5.02. That was just a slight over-the-month gain of 1¢ (+0.2 percent); however, that figure represents an over-the-year increase of 45¢ (+9.8 percent). The durable goods segment experienced a modest monthly increase of 3¢ (+0.6 percent) to reach an October figure of $5.11 as well as a yearly gain of 44¢ (+9.4 percent). Transportation equipment was the durable goods industry which enjoyed the largest net monthly increase, rising by 10¢ to hit $5.47. Primary metals was next with a net monthly gain of 6¢ an hour to reach $5.90. The average hourly earnings of the nondurable goods segment remained constant over the month at $4.97. Paper and allied products continued to lead the way in nondurables with an October increase of 27¢ (+3.6 percent) to arrive at $7.86. Rubber products also exhibited a strong monthly jump of 19¢ (+3.4 percent) for an October figure of $5.83. From September to October of this year, the average weekly earnings of the state's manufacturing workers suffered a slight drop of 10¢ to arrive at $200.80. However, over the year the average has increased by $17.54 (+9.6 percent). Average weekly hours also experienced a minor decline of 0.1 of an hour over the month to average 40.0 in October, 1979, which was also 0.1 of an hour below one year ago.

Consumer Price Index: The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that the consumer price index (cost of living) for all urban consumers rose to 225.4 in October, 1979. That figure represents an over-the-month increase of 0.9 percent and an over-the-year surge of 12.2 percent. Each of the principal groups in the index exhibited advances from September to October of this year. The cost of housing led the way with a 1.3 percent jump. Medical care was second, displaying a monthly increase of 0.9 percent. Apparel and upkeep was a close third with a rise of 0.7 percent. The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, was 44.4¢ in October, 1979.

Slight Employment increase in Labor Turnover: During September, labor requirments reflected a fluctuating trend in the overall manufacturing group as a net worker gain of 0.3 per hundred was reported. New hires comprised 84 percent of all accessions experienced. In most industries, however, both separations and accessions decreased considerably over the previous month. Gains were noted in furniture (+0.9), primary metals (+1.4), fabricated metals (+1.0), and nonelectrical machinery (+0.2), while declines were registered in lumber (-0.1); stone, clay, glass products (-1.2); transportation equipment (-3.4) and miscellaneous manufacturing (-0.5). Accessions and separations in electrical equipment remained stable at 2.5 per hundred. The durable goods sector as a whole registered a net worker gain of 0.2 per hundred. The tobacco industry with a 4.1 increase and the paperboard boxes with a 2.4 increase noted the most significant gains in the nondurable goods group. Rubber and leather registered declines. Apparel at 5.6; paper at 2.1 and chemicals at 1.6 per hundred gained and lost workers at the same rate. Tobacco stemming and redrying plants continued to hire additional seasonal processors but at a slower pace than in August.

Mining: The September sample of mining establishments experienced accessions at the rate of 3.2 per hundred while separations were 3.1 per hundred--a net worker gain of 0.1 per hundred. Ninety-one percent of all accessions were accounted for by new hires.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook: Total employment in North Carolina is expected to decline somewhat during November and December of this year. One of the primary contributing factors to this decrease will be the continuing seasonal drop in agricultural employment, which should decline by over 30,000 persons from October to December. Partially offsetting this decline will be seasonal gains in trade as the holiday period approaches. It is anticipated that the statewide total unemployment will probably decrease as well during the next two months and the rate may continue to remain below 5.0 percent.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

OCTOBER, 1979

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1979 (Thous.)	September 1979 (Thous.)	October 1978 (Thous.)	September 1979	October 1978
TOTAL, ALL INDUSTRIES	2,372.0	2,363.3	2,307.5	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
MANUFACTURING	815.4	811.3	814.0	+ 0.5	+ 0.2
DURABLE GOODS	292.5	291.3	286.6	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Lumber & Wood Prods., Exc. Furn.	35.1	35.3	35.3	- 0.6	- 0.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.6	13.7	13.4	- 0.7	+ 1.5
Millwork, Plywood, etc.	8.7	8.7	8.9	0	- 2.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.5	3.6	3.5	- 2.8	0
Furniture & Fixtures	82.8	81.7	82.4	+ 1.3	+ 0.5
Household Furniture	75.7	74.6	75.2	+ 1.5	+ 0.7
Wood HH Furn., Exc. Upholstered	43.6	42.9	42.8	+ 1.6	+ 1.9
Wood HH Furn., Upholstered	28.1	28.0	28.4	+ 0.4	- 1.1
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete Prods.	18.7	19.0	18.4	- 1.6	+ 1.6
Structural Clay Products	2.5	2.7	2.8	- 7.4	- 10.7
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0
Primary Metal Products	7.7	7.7	7.6	0	+ 1.3
Fabricated Metal Products	26.3	26.0	26.0	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Fab. Structural Metals	11.3	11.1	10.7	+ 1.8	+ 5.6
Machinery, Except Electrical	40.5	40.2	37.8	+ 0.7	+ 7.1
Special Industrial Machinery	8.2	8.2	7.9	0	+ 3.8
Electrical Machinery	52.0	51.7	49.7	+ 0.6	+ 4.6
Household Appliances	7.3	7.3	7.2	0	+ 1.4
Transportation Equipment	13.6	13.8	13.5	- 1.4	+ 0.7
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.8	15.9	15.9	- 0.6	- 0.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	522.9	520.0	527.4	+ 0.6	- 0.9
Food & Kindred Products	43.9	43.9	43.1	0	+ 1.9
Meat Products	14.9	14.7	14.0	+ 1.4	+ 6.4
Meat Packing Plants	3.0	2.9	2.8	+ 3.4	+ 7.1
Dairy Products	4.0	4.1	4.0	- 2.4	0
Grain Mill Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Bakery Products	9.0	9.0	8.9	0	+ 1.1
Beverages	6.9	7.2	6.8	- 4.2	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufactures	32.1	31.7	34.0	+ 1.3	- 5.6
Cigarettes	20.4	20.5	19.8	- 0.5	+ 3.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	11.1	10.6	13.6	+ 4.7	- 18.4
Textile Mill Products	249.1	247.6	251.8	+ 0.6	- 1.1
Broad Woven Fabric Mills	79.5	78.9	79.5	+ 0.8	0
Broad Woven, Cotton	40.2	40.0	38.8	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
Broad Woven, Man-Made Fiber & Silk	39.1	38.6	40.5	+ 1.3	- 3.5
Knitting Mills	79.4	78.9	80.2	+ 0.6	- 1.0
Women's Full & Knee Length Hos.	18.9	18.6	18.1	+ 1.6	+ 4.4
Hos., Exc. Women's Full & Knee Length	24.2	24.0	24.7	+ 0.8	- 2.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	17.4	17.3	18.0	+ 0.6	- 3.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.3	7.4	7.5	- 1.4	- 2.7
Dyeing & Finishing Textiles	17.5	17.4	17.7	+ 0.6	- 1.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	58.9	58.7	60.5	+ 0.3	- 2.6

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INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1979 (Thous.)	September 1979 (Thous.)	October 1978 (Thous.)	September 1979	October 1978
Apparel & Other Finished Prods.	89.3	88.7	90.8	+ 0.7	- 1.7
Men's, Youths', & Boys' Clothing	27.2	27.2	27.7	0	- 1.8
Women's,Misses', & Children's Clothing	43.3	43.0	44.1	+ 0.7	- 1.8
Paper & Allied Products	20.8	20.9	21.3	- 0.5	- 2.3
Pulp & Paperboard Mills	11.7	11.8	11.8	- 0.8	- 0.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	- 1.7
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	20.1	19.8	19.3	+ 1.5	+ 4.1
Newspapers	8.0	7.9	7.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.9	37.9	37.2	0	+ 1.9
Plastics & Synthetic Materials	19.3	19.2	19.4	+ 0.5	- 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	25.0	24.8	25.5	+ 0.8	- 2.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.7	4.7	4.4	0	+ 6.8
NONMANUFACTURING	1,556.6	1,552.0	1,493.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
MINING	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	125.5	126.0	115.5	- 0.4	+ 8.7
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	114.4	115.9	109.8	- 1.3	+ 4.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	58.3	57.9	54.5	+ 0.7	+ 7.0
Communications & Public Utilities	49.1	51.0	48.4	- 3.7	+ 1.4
TRADE	470.1	469.4	451.1	+ 0.1	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	122.3	121.0	116.3	+ 1.1	+ 5.2
Durable Goods	67.9	67.5	65.2	+ 0.6	+ 4.1
Nondurable Goods	54.4	53.5	51.1	+ 1.7	+ 6.5
Retail Trade	347.8	348.4	334.8	- 0.2	+ 3.9
General Merchandise Stores	56.8	56.2	56.1	+ 1.1	+ 1.2
Variety Stores	13.8	13.5	13.9	+ 2.2	- 0.7
Food Stores	54.3	54.3	52.3	0	+ 3.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	89.3	89.5	85.9	- 0.2	+ 4.0
SERVICES	336.5	336.5	318.9	0	+ 5.5
Hotel & Rooming Houses	18.6	19.4	18.4	- 4.1	+ 1.1
Personal Services	23.4	23.5	23.5	- 0.4	- 0.4
Laundries & Dry Cleaners	10.5	10.5	10.6	0	- 0.9
GOVERNMENT	416.0	409.9	407.5	+ 1.5	+ 2.1
Federal	46.8	47.0	46.7	- 0.4	+ 0.2
State	134.2	129.1	129.1	+ 4.0	+ 4.0
Education	69.8	65.4	67.4	+ 6.7	+ 3.6
Other	64.4	63.7	61.7	+ 1.1	+ 4.4
Local	235.0	233.8	231.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
Education	134.6	132.3	131.4	+ 1.7	+ 2.4
Other	100.4	101.5	100.3	- 1.1	+ 0.1

1/ Current data are preliminary.
2/ Includes instruments and miscellaneous manufacturing.
3/ Includes petroleum and leather products.

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October, 1979
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1979 (Thous.)	September 1979 (Thous.)	October 1978 (Thous.)	September 1979	October 1978
TOTAL, ALL INDUSTRIES	2,349.1	2,343.6	2,284.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.8
MANUFACTURING	808.0	802.7	806.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
DURABLE GOODS	291.0	290.2	285.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.1
Lumber & Wood Prods., Exc. Furn.	34.9	35.1	35.1	- 0.6	- 0.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.6	13.7	13.4	- 0.7	+ 1.5
Millwork, Plywood, etc.	8.7	8.8	8.9	- 1.1	- 2.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.4	3.4	3.4	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	82.5	81.7	82.1	+ 1.0	+ 0.5
Household Furniture	75.3	74.7	74.8	+ 0.8	+ 0.7
Wood HH Furn., Exc. Upholstered	43.5	42.9	42.7	+ 1.4	+ 1.9
Wood HH Furn., Upholstered	27.8	27.9	28.1	- 0.4	- 1.1
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete Prods.	18.5	18.9	18.2	- 2.1	+ 1.6
Structural Clay Products	2.4	2.6	2.7	- 7.7	-11.1
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
Primary Metal Products	7.7	7.6	7.6	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Fabricated Metal Products	26.3	26.2	26.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Fab. Structural Metals	11.3	11.2	10.7	+ 0.9	+ 5.6
Machinery, Except Electrical	40.7	40.4	37.9	+ 0.7	+ 7.4
Special Industrial Machinery	8.2	8.3	7.9	- 1.2	+ 3.8
Electrical Machinery	51.0	50.7	48.7	+ 0.6	+ 4.7
Household Appliances	6.7	6.8	6.6	- 1.5	+ 1.5
Transportation Equipment	13.6	13.7	13.5	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.8	15.9	15.9	- 0.6	- 0.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	517.0	512.5	521.1	+ 0.9	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	43.5	43.3	42.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
Meat Products	14.8	14.5	13.9	+ 2.1	+ 6.5
Meat Packing Plants	3.0	2.9	2.8	+ 3.4	+ 7.1
Dairy Products	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Bakery Products	9.0	9.0	8.9	0	+ 1.1
Beverages	7.0	7.1	6.9	- 1.4	+ 1.4
Tobacco Manufactures	26.9	26.1	28.5	+ 3.1	- 5.6
Cigarettes	20.5	20.5	19.9	0	+ 3.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	6.4	6.0	7.8	+ 6.7	-17.9
Textile Mill Products	250.1	246.9	252.8	+ 1.3	- 1.1
Broad Woven Fabric Mills	79.9	78.9	79.9	+ 1.3	0
Broad Woven, Cotton	40.3	40.1	38.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
Broad Woven, Man-Made Fiber & Silk	39.1	38.6	40.5	+ 1.3	- 3.5
Knitting Mills	79.3	78.4	80.1	+ 1.1	- 1.0
Women's Full & Knee Length Hos.	18.8	18.5	18.0	+ 1.6	+ 4.4
Hos., Exc. Women's Full & Knee Length	24.2	24.0	24.7	+ 0.8	- 2.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	17.3	17.2	17.9	+ 0.6	- 3.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.4	7.4	7.6	0	- 2.6
Dyeing & Finishing Textiles	17.7	17.6	17.9	+ 0.6	- 1.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	59.0	58.5	60.6	+ 0.9	- 2.6

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ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

October, 1979
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	October 1979 (Thous.)	September 1979 (Thous.)	October 1978 (Thous.)	September 1979	October 1978
Apparel & Other Finished Prods.	88.8	88.2	90.2	+ 0.7	- 1.6
Men's, Youths', & Boys' Clothing	26.8	26.8	27.3	0	- 1.8
Women's,Misses', & Children's Clothing	43.4	43.1	44.2	+ 0.7	- 1.8
Paper & Allied Products	20.7	20.9	21.2	- 1.0	- 2.4
Pulp & Paperboard Mills	11.7	11.9	11.8	- 1.7	- 0.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.7	5.8	5.8	- 1.7	- 1.7
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	20.1	20.0	19.3	+ 0.5	+ 4.1
Newspapers	8.0	7.9	7.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.5	37.6	36.8	- 0.3	+ 1.9
Plastics & Synthetic Materials	19.0	19.0	19.1	0	- 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.7	24.8	25.2	- 0.4	- 2.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.7	4.7	4.4	0	+ 6.8
NONMANUFACTURING	1,541.1	1,540.9	1,478.6	*	+ 4.2
MINING	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	123.0	122.8	113.3	+ 0.2	+ 8.6
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	114.6	115.0	109.9	- 0.3	+ 4.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	57.9	56.9	54.1	+ 1.8	+ 7.0
Communications & Public Utilities	49.2	51.1	48.5	- 3.7	+ 1.4
TRADE	465.8	465.8	446.9	0	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	119.7	118.8	113.8	+ 0.8	+ 5.2
Durable Goods	68.1	67.4	65.4	+ 1.0	+ 4.1
Nondurable Goods	51.6	51.4	48.4	+ 0.4	+ 6.6
Retail Trade	346.1	347.0	333.1	- 0.3	+ 3.9
General Merchandise Stores	56.3	56.3	55.6	0	+ 1.3
Variety Stores	13.5	13.3	13.6	+ 1.5	- 0.7
Food Stores	53.9	53.8	52.0	+ 0.2	+ 3.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	89.5	89.4	86.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.9
SERVICES	335.8	334.5	318.3	+ 0.4	+ 5.5
Hotel & Rooming Houses	18.3	18.1	18.1	+ 1.1	+ 1.1
Personal Services	23.5	23.6	23.6	- 0.4	- 0.4
Laundries & Dry Cleaners	10.5	10.5	10.6	0	- 0.9
GOVERNMENT	407.6	408.6	399.3	- 0.2	+ 2.1
Federal	46.9	47.1	46.8	- 0.4	+ 0.2
State	131.9	131.6	126.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.9
Education	67.4	67.5	65.1	- 0.1	+ 3.5
Other	64.5	64.1	61.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.4
Local	228.8	229.9	225.6	- 0.5	+ 1.4
Education	127.5	127.3	124.4	+ 0.2	+ 2.5
Other	101.3	102.6	101.2	- 1.3	+ 0.1

1/ Current data are preliminary.
2/ Includes instruments and miscellaneous manufacturing.
3/ Includes petroleum and leather products.

* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

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INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978	Oct. 1979	Sept. 1979	Oct. 1978
MANUFACTURING	$200.80	$200.90	$183.26	40.0	40.1	40.1	$ 5.02	$ 5.01	$ 4.57
DURABLE GOODS	204.91	204.72	190.07	40.1	40.3	40.7	5.11	5.08	4.67
LUMBER & WOOD PRODS., EX. FURN.	182.86	180.71	164.43	41.0	40.7	40.6	4.46	4.44	4.05
MILLWORK, PLYWOOD, ETC.	176.66	174.93	162.39	40.8	40.4	40.7	4.33	4.33	3.99
WOOD BLDGS. & MOBILE HOMES	224.82	220.03	202.10	38.3	38.2	40.1	5.87	5.76	5.04
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	182.91	180.42	171.60	39.0	38.8	40.0	4.69	4.65	4.29
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE	182.83	180.42	171.60	38.9	38.8	40.0	4.70	4.65	4.29
WOOD HH FURNITURE, EX. UPH.	181.30	181.04	170.98	40.2	40.5	41.4	4.51	4.47	4.13
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS	221.54	224.13	216.82	40.5	41.2	42.1	5.47	5.44	5.15
STRUCTURAL CLAY PRODUCTS	195.57	196.23	182.23	41.7	42.2	41.7	4.69	4.65	4.37
PRIMARY METAL PRODUCTS	244.85	244.11	222.07	41.5	41.8	41.9	5.90	5.84	5.30
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	228.97	230.52	217.59	40.1	40.3	40.9	5.71	5.72	5.32
MACHINERY, NONELECTRICAL	229.08	233.87	221.19	41.5	42.6	42.7	5.52	5.49	5.18
SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY	221.75	221.82	204.72	40.1	40.7	40.3	5.53	5.45	5.08
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	224.66	226.32	200.07	40.7	41.0	40.5	5.52	5.52	4.94
HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES	195.41	198.97	174.99	41.4	41.8	40.6	4.72	4.76	4.31
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	220.99	217.49	202.78	40.4	40.5	41.3	5.47	5.37	4.91
NONDURABLE GOODS	198.30	198.80	179.90	39.9	40.0	39.8	4.97	4.97	4.52
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	186.00	187.46	168.73	40.0	40.4	39.7	4.65	4.64	4.25
MEAT PRODUCTS	174.64	171.26	148.52	39.6	39.1	37.6	4.41	4.38	3.95
MEAT PACKING	258.60	259.30	221.45	43.1	43.8	43.0	6.00	5.92	5.15
DAIRY PRODUCTS	190.71	195.34	176.81	42.1	43.7	42.3	4.53	4.47	4.18
GRAIN MILL PRODUCTS	214.43	214.29	209.68	41.8	42.1	44.9	5.13	5.09	4.67
BAKERY PRODUCTS	195.53	203.36	180.63	39.5	41.0	40.5	4.95	4.96	4.46
BEVERAGE	216.42	229.32	203.70	41.7	44.1	42.0	5.19	5.20	4.85
TOBACCO MANUFACTURING	259.65	278.39	218.69	39.4	40.7	38.1	6.59	6.84	5.74
CIGARETTES	313.69	339.95	271.52	37.3	39.3	36.3	8.41	8.65	7.48
TOBACCO STEMMING & REDRYING	157.11	156.17	138.24	43.4	43.5	40.9	3.62	3.59	3.38
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	191.57	190.62	175.27	40.5	40.3	40.2	4.73	4.73	4.36
BROAD WOVEN FABRICS	208.28	209.00	193.52	41.0	40.9	41.0	5.08	5.11	4.72
BROAD WOVEN, COTTON	208.59	210.23	192.23	40.9	40.9	40.3	5.10	5.14	4.77
BROAD WOVEN, MAN-MADE FIBER & SILK	207.97	208.28	194.69	41.1	41.0	41.6	5.06	5.08	4.68
KNITTING MILLS	175.43	173.26	160.75	39.6	39.2	39.4	4.43	4.42	4.08
WOMEN'S FULL & KNEE LGTH HOS.	158.46	158.00	152.10	38.0	37.8	39.2	4.17	4.18	3.88
HOSIERY, EX. WOMEN'S FULL & KNEE LG.	161.54	152.99	147.82	38.1	36.6	38.0	4.24	4.18	3.89
CIRCULAR KNIT FABRIC MILLS	200.58	203.28	186.22	41.7	42.0	41.2	4.81	4.84	4.52
WARP KNIT FABRIC MILLS	220.77	220.32	192.23	44.6	44.6	43.1	4.95	4.94	4.46
DYEING & FINISHING TEXTILES	206.91	206.99	184.78	41.8	41.9	40.7	4.95	4.94	4.54
YARN & THREAD MILLS	187.83	184.68	168.45	41.1	40.5	40.3	4.57	4.56	4.18
APPAREL & OTHER FINISHED PRODUCTS	141.34	140.98	128.43	37.0	37.1	36.8	3.82	3.80	3.49
MEN'S & BOYS' CLOTHING	137.47	136.82	127.76	35.8	36.1	36.4	3.84	3.79	3.51
WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S GARMENTS	137.27	136.53	121.30	37.0	37.0	36.1	3.71	3.69	3.36
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	342.70	340.03	299.03	43.6	44.8	44.3	7.86	7.59	6.75
PULP & PAPERBOARD MILLS	406.67	400.15	361.92	44.3	46.1	46.4	9.18	8.68	7.80
PAPERBOARD CONTAINERS & BOXES	241.66	246.28	227.63	43.0	43.9	44.2	5.62	5.61	5.15
PRINTING, PUBLISHING, & ALLIED IND.	212.01	208.35	203.11	38.9	38.3	40.3	5.45	5.44	5.04
NEWSPAPERS	208.60	210.16	201.47	35.0	35.5	36.3	5.96	5.92	5.55
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	247.90	248.00	235.09	39.6	40.0	41.1	6.26	6.20	5.72
PLASTICS & SYNTHETIC MATERIALS	275.27	268.67	258.54	40.6	40.1	41.3	6.78	6.70	6.26
RUBBER & MISC. PLASTICS PRODS.	243.11	240.83	222.29	41.7	42.7	42.1	5.83	5.64	5.28
MINING	253.11	261.13	235.10	46.7	48.9	47.4	5.42	5.34	4.96
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	313.25	302.85	272.28	41.6	41.6	40.7	7.53	7.28	6.69
TRADE	173.76	173.28	162.45	36.2	36.1	36.1	4.80	4.80	4.50
WHOLESALE	217.06	215.42	204.12	39.9	39.6	40.5	5.44	5.44	5.04
RETAIL	153.53	153.87	143.90	34.5	34.5	34.1	4.45	4.46	4.22
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	115.05	115.63	107.51	29.2	29.2	29.7	3.94	3.96	3.62
VARIETY STORES	90.31	90.66	84.93	28.4	28.6	29.8	3.18	3.17	2.85
FOOD STORES	163.33	165.80	160.39	33.4	33.7	32.8	4.89	4.92	4.89
SERVICES, HOTELS & ROOMING HOUSES	106.66	105.85	96.71	30.3	29.9	30.7	3.52	3.54	3.15
SERVICES, LAUNDRIES & DRY CLEANING	137.14	137.59	120.74	35.9	36.4	35.2	3.82	3.78	3.43

1/ CURRENT DATA ARE PRELIMINARY